

# COLUMBIA PLAYERS IN "CHARLEY'S AUNT"

"Gambler From the West"  
At the New Academy  
of Music.

"Charley's Aunt" will be the attraction at the Columbia Theater this week. It is an entertaining farce in three acts, from the pen of Brandon Thomas. Announcement is made by the Columbia Company, under the authority of Stage Director Frederick A. Thomson that the production will be one of the best of the Columbia season.

The play has not been seen in this city for some years.

Even with the versatile array in the Columbia Players, it has been found necessary to enlarge the company to present the play satisfactorily.

Everett Butterfield will, as has been previously announced, find a striking part in the role of Lord Fancourt Babberley, and doubtless will give an excellent account of himself.

For the role of Jack Chesney, the part originally played by Percy Lyn-dale, J. Malcolm Dunn has been engaged and will appear for the first time with the Columbia company.

There will also be a delegation from the stock company in Richmond. They are Louise Reed, J. A. Bliss, and Robert Cain. Miss Reed will be seen as Kitty Verdon, Mr. Bliss as Stephen Spet-tigue, and Mr. Cain as Charley Wyk-ham.

Edith Luckett will also appear with the company in the part of Ella Dele-hay, and the favorites of the company will round out a strong cast.

## NEW ACADEMY—"The Gambler of the West."

"The Gambler of the West," which will be the offering for one week, with matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at the Academy, beginning tomorrow evening, is what its name implies, a sensational melodrama of the wild West. Its time is when miners and cowboys lived beyond the limits of effective government, and Indians were still making periodical excursions on the warpath.

Its story deals with the adventures of a young girl who goes into the country from the East to search for her lost brother, and her succeeding adventures and their happy outcome.

Mr. Woods has given the play a realistic setting. Trained horses, bands of cowboys and Indians, an old stage coach, a prairie fire, and exhibitions of lasso and bowie knife throwing are among the features of "The Gambler of the West."

A street parade is given daily by the retinue of cowboys and Indians.

## LYCEUM—"The Rollickers."

With a burlesque production considered to be exceptionally unique and interesting, entitled "The Rollickers," the Lyceum Theater will open its season tomorrow.

One of the attractions of this show is said to be the cleverness of its "prin-cipals" and the beauty and singing of its chorus. Another attraction is that the piece is new and has a number of novel features that have only recently been introduced in the burlesque productions.

## PARK ATTRACTIONS.

### Luna Park Attractions.

At Luna Park this afternoon and to-night, lovers of music will hear the American Regimental Band give an excellent program of sacred music. While hand concerts are not uncommon in Washington, the comfort of sitting down to hear them in the cool open air and the brilliancy of this park's illumination, is unusual.

For this week the management announce a return to the free motion picture and illustrated songs rendered by Miss Irene Gallagher, the "lady with a man's singing voice," whose success last week has led to her engagement for another week. The featured motion pictures will include "The Belle of the Ball," an exciting comedy subject; "Servants' Strike," a funny film; "Roses," which while funny in all, is particularly telling to married folks.

On Friday night the conditions of the prize dance will be reversed in the fact that this week the prize will be given to the best gentleman dancer. A handsome prize has been selected, and the unusual contest is expected to arouse great interest.

### Glen Echo Park.

Lincoln's life will be portrayed in moving pictures, free, at Glen Echo Park tonight, Monday, and Tuesday evenings.

Peter Barnes, champion cake-walker of the United States, with his company, will appear at the Auditorium in Glen Echo, Wednesday evening. Manager Shaw has arranged to have Peter Barnes bring an augmented company of professionals to Washington for the engagement Wednesday evening when, besides the cake-walking and special dances, Peter Barnes' performers will sing those old-time melodies of the Southland.

Peter Barnes and his players are said to be the approved exponents of the art of cake-walking and fancy dancing. No admission will be charged to the Auditorium for this performance.

## NORDICA TO VISIT CHILDHOOD HOME

Famous Prima Donna Plans to Spend Part of Honeymoon at Scene of Her Birth.

FARMINGTON, Me., Aug. 8.—The two sisters of Mme. Nordica, who recently became the bride of George W. Young, have received a letter from the opera singer saying that she and her husband will spend a few days of their honeymoon here in the house where she was born.

The house where she spent her childhood days has just been made a thing of beauty by the efforts of the Norton sisters, and she will hardly know the reconstructed cottage when she visits this town. The date of the visit has not as yet been set, but Mrs. Ione Norton Walker, her sister, expects to hear more definite plans in a few days.

## TEMPERANCE TALK WITH VAUDEVILLE

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Vaudeville will be mixed with temperance talk at the Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua Assembly in Evanston next week. The sessions will be held in a great waterproof tent seating 1,000 persons.

The Chautauqua will open Tuesday. Following the temperance lectures there will be singing and other specialty numbers by professional entertainers. Among the speakers will be Col. John Sobiesky, who claims descendancy from the heroic Polish King.

## ACTRESS AND PLAYWRIGHT



RUTH D. BLAKE,  
Now With the Columbia Players.

## COLUMBIA PLAYER ALSO PLAYWRIGHT

Ruth Blake Will Submit Romantic Comedy Drama to Sothern.

Aside from taking an important part in the Columbia Players, Ruth D. Blake writes plays. E. H. Sothern will consider a romantic comedy drama by this actress, for his own future use.

Miss Blake's friends who have read the manuscript say she has hit upon an interesting current theme and has handled it in a masterly and artistic way. She was formerly a member of Sothern's company, and she feels confident that her piece would make an excellent vehicle for the great star.

## WASHINGTON TENOR HOME FROM ITALY

Edward A. Hines, the Washington man whose tenor voice so impressed his teachers in Italy, where he has been studying, has returned to his home for several months' stay. This talented young singer will resume his instruction in the fall before starting out on his operatic career.

Mr. Hines received the greater part of his training from Mrs. Suzanne Old-berg, whose studio in the Belasco Theater building, has been active throughout this summer.

## NEGRO STEALS \$4,000.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Edward Gooden, nineteen years old, a negro, has been arrested in Montrose for stealing mail from the Farmers' National Bank. The loss amounts to \$4,000, mostly in drafts. Gooden was detected in the act of taking a letter from the bank's letter drawer in the postoffice.

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# "A POOR RELATION" CLOSES COLUMBIA

Summer Season Will End  
With Sol Smith Rus-sell Play.

As a climax to the season that has marked the summer season of 1909 at the Columbia Theater, the Columbia Players will produce a week from tomorrow night Edward E. Kilder's comedy classic, "A Poor Relation."

This play, which is in three acts, is the one which of all the repertoire of the late Sol Smith Russell is credited with having done more to extend his fame than all of his other plays combined.

Fred G. Berger, manager and personal friend of the deceased artist, has been seeking long for a man who could acceptably take up the work laid down by Mr. Russell, and now he feels justified in announcing that he found the man whom he was seeking.

This man is Frederick A. Thomson, who as stage director of the Columbia forces, has contributed much to the success of the season without meeting the amusement public or being known by them. Mr. Thomson secured his early training with the Palmer-Stock Company. Later in his career he has been under training of such artists as Richard Mansfield, E. H. Sothern, David Belasco and others.

The comedy will be produced under the personal direction of Mr. Berger.

## NEW ACADEMY—"Queen of the Secret Seven."

New York's most interesting quarter, Chinatown, is reproduced in the new A. H. Wood's melodrama, "The Queen of the Secret Seven," which will hold the boards at the Academy for the week beginning Monday, August 15.

There are other scenes and situations in the piece which is in four acts, and the cast is said to be excellent.

A strong vein of humor is said to run through the production which has been staged under the personal direction of Mr. Woods.

Matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## BOOKKEEPER GONE; DITTO \$4,000 CASH

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Simultaneously with the disappearance of a trusted bookkeeper, 4,000 of the cash of the Continental Trust and Savings Bank Company is missing from the bank's vaults, according to J. E. Alvord, secretary and treasurer.

The missing bookkeeper left behind a wife, who denies all knowledge of his whereabouts.

# TOM PIERCE WEDS; MISS DEXTER BRIDE

Millionaire Clubman Marries  
in Face of His Previous  
Unhappy Ventures.

DOVER, N. H., Aug. 8.—Tom Pierce, millionaire and clubman, has married again, apparently undeterred by the wicks of his previous matrimonial ventures.

It was in strange contrast to his previous elided nuptials that he was a principal yesterday in the quietest kind of a ceremony wherein he became the husband of Miss Gabriella M. Dexter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Dexter, of Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Mr. Pierce was married this time at Pierce-Memorial Church, a gift to the town by his father. The Rev. B. F. Eaton, pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Tom Pierce discussed the marriage of her former husband at her summer place, in Beverly Farms. "I hope he will be happy with his new wife," she said. "The few business relations we have had since our separation have been most pleasant and I'm sure I hope the future of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will more than justify their choice of each other."

## SOLDIER OF FORTUNE SEEKS BURIED RICHES

McCaskie, Who Was in Boer War,  
Leads Ohio Treasure-Hunting  
Party.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Thomas McCaskie, who has seen service in the Boer war and sailed the seas of the world, headed a party of treasure diggers today who left to search for sunken treasure in the vicinity of the West Indian Islands.

Four years ago McCaskie spent some time on the Caribbean sea, and it was while there, he says, he received information that will enable him to uncover riches buried in sunken Spanish ships. He is making a diving suit and elaborate apparatus to carry on his work. He is an experienced diver.

## FOREST FIRES RAGING.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Aug. 8.—Fierce forest fires are raging north of this town, on Locust mountain, on the Girardville estate lands, and are destroying thousands of dollars' worth of fine timber. State police, assisted by many workmen, are fighting the fire, using dynamite to check it.

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